

**District 47, CNIA  
Meeting Minutes  
December 3, 2024**

This is a hybrid and Zoom meeting with members participating from various locations, including the Central Office in Exeter.

**Meeting Called to Order:** 7:06 PM by District Committee Member (DCM) Mike C.

**Committee members present:**

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group  
Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions  
Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study  
Mike C., DCM  
Allen L., Treasurer  
David G., Recording Secretary and Central Office Liaison

Permission requested from all present that this meeting be audio recorded for the recording secretary's benefit.

**The GSR Preamble** was read by all attendees. "We are the General Service Representatives. We are the link in the chain of communication for our groups with the General Service Conference and the world of A.A. We realize the ultimate authority in A.A. is a Loving God as he may express himself in our Group Conscience. As trusted servants, our job is to bring information to our groups in order that the groups can reach an informed group conscience. In passing along this group conscience, we are helping to maintain the unity and strength so vital to our fellowship. Let us, therefore, have the patience and tolerance to listen while others share, the courage to speak up when we have something to share, and the wisdom to do what is right for our groups and A.A. as a whole."

**12 Traditions:** read by David G.

**Concept 12:** Concept 12 long form read and explained by Allen L.

**Approval of Minutes:** November 5, 2024, minutes reviewed and approved: all in favor, none against.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Beginning Balance: \$3,705.66

INCOME

None

EXPENSES

None

Ending Balance: \$3,705.66

**CSO Liaison Report:** David G.

Our November CSR Meeting was held on November 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was a hybrid meeting, both in-person and on Zoom.

Central Office finances: for August 21<sup>st</sup> through September 20<sup>th</sup>, Central Office had an income of \$4,575.25 and expenses of \$6,097.98 for a loss of \$1,522.73. Our balance was \$13,812 where our prudent reserve should be \$19,000.

Old business:

New Year's Eve party and planning.

New business:

Nominations for Central Office Board of Directors. Cheryl H was nominated, as was Jerry S.

Announcements:

Springville Sunday Breakfast Speaker Meeting in December will be on the 1<sup>st</sup>, instead of the second Sunday.

New Year's Eve planning meeting December 10<sup>th</sup>, immediately prior to the CSR meeting, in-person and on Zoom. Planning meeting will start at 5:00 PM, and go to 6:00 PM. Flyers and tickets are available at Central Office. It will be a gala event with gourmet food. Volunteers are needed.

At the Board of Director's meeting following the CSR meeting, the Board decided to close the Central Office one day a week (Mondays) to reduce the rate at which we are losing money.

Question: where can Mike get two dinner tickets for the New Year's Eve party? Central Office has some. We were going to only feed 100, but then we heard that additional people in Porterville wanted to come, so we ordered another 30 tickets.

Question: when someone is elected to the Central Office Board, what will be their position? Election to the Board is independent of position on the Board; at the Board meeting, the board members decide their role and service position.

**Registrar:** Josh F. no report

**H&I Report:** Presented by Joyce R.

December 2024 H&I Report

The only purpose of the Northern California Hospital and Institution Committee is to carry the message of AA to alcoholics in corrections and treatment facilities and facilities serving alcoholics in Northern CA. In Tulare County (NorCal Area 93) we continue to meet this purpose by holding AA meetings in 8 treatment facilities, the Tulare County Jail, Avenal, Corcoran and SATF Prisons. We hold approximately 25 meetings per month and make literature available upon request. We do have a couple facilities which specifically request women volunteers, and Spanish speakers.

This month we will begin an H&I meeting at the new Navigation Center in Visalia which serves the unhoused population. This will increase our need for volunteers as our treatment facilities will increase to 9 facilities. The new Navigation Center in Visalia will be helping up to 100 people, although they are starting small right now. Please share this information with your groups and send any interested AA

members to our next Orientation listed below. If an AA member is interested and wants to discuss this further prior to that date, I can be contacted at handiarea93@gmail.com or Central Office can provide my phone number.

In October, we approved our 2025 budget. After adjusting to our recommended 6 months prior year expenses and ending October with an extraordinarily high literature purchased month, we now have a shortfall of \$30,000 leaving us in a **neutral** financial position. It would be helpful if all groups would pass the pink can and have their Treasurer send the money in monthly. If your group does not have a Pink Can, please contact Central Office or me. We want to point out that the Pink Can should *not* be passed with the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition, but separate and after, to not detract from the 7<sup>th</sup> Tradition – but please do pass it. Tulare County uses about \$10,000 – \$12,000 of literature annually from NorCal H&I, but our financial contributions back are about \$8,000 annually. Our financials are posted on our website at [www.handinorcal.org](http://www.handinorcal.org) and locally on the H&I page of the Tulare County website at [aa-tulareco.org](http://aa-tulareco.org). There is also a link to email the treasurer with any questions group or members may have regarding the financial position.

Our next in-person orientation: January 11, 2025; 9:00 am; at 526 N. Bridge Street, Visalia, CA 93291 followed by our business meeting at 10:00 am. This information is also listed on the Tulare County Website at [aa-tulareco.org](http://aa-tulareco.org).

In Service,

Joyce R., Area 93 Chair

**DCM Report:** Mike C. – no report, due to missing the November ACM (whoops, Mike is human after all).

Next month will be the Winter Assembly in Sonora.

**GSR Reports:**

Fred F., GSR for Unity Through Traditions, Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Visalia Alano Club. We've had at least ten people show up every week; sometimes as many as fifteen. If you want to go through a book study, you are welcome at our meeting.

Dusty B., GSR for the Springville Thursday Night Gut Level Group. Dusty gave the report for Laura's group, since they both attend both. ;-) The November birthday meeting was very well attended, with six people taking cakes.

Laura B., GSR for the Springville Monday Night Book Study: We are reading *Twelve Steps and Twelve Traditions*. We read one Step, then read one Tradition, and switch between them and just finished Step 9 and started Tradition 9.

Leah W. (presented by Mike C), GSR for Bridge Street Drunks Only. The group is going well. She will be meeting with the group secretary about booking a hotel for Leah to attend the Winter Assembly in Sonora, hosted by District 33, January 18 and 19, 2025. Bridge Street Drunks Only is looking for volunteers to run meetings on Christmas day, because some people will be out of town that day.

**Old Business:** We still need an Alternate DCM.

### **New Business:**

1. Discuss approving funds to send DCM to Area 7 Winter Assembly January 18-19 Sonora CA. (Registration=\$18; Coffee=\$4; Hotel=\$120; Gas=\$60; Dinner=\$20) Total not to exceed \$225. Mike was able to book the Heritage Inn for \$116. Motion made by Fred, seconded by Allen, approved unanimously.
2. Winter Assembly in Sonora, hosted by District 33, January 18 and 19, 2025 – we still have money earmarked from The Valley Group to pay for food, lodging, registration, and transportation for a GSR to attend CNIA 07 assemblies.
3. A.A.W.S. announced that the new *A.A. Service Manual combined with Twelve Concepts for World Service: 2024-2026 Edition, Revised and Updated* (Item BM-31) is now available in digital format. <https://www.aa.org/aa-service-manualtwelve-concepts-world-services> and you can view it as a PDF at this link.
4. A.A.W.S. Communication to Fellowships: some changes have been made to the Plain Language Big Book for the next (second) print run.
5. Discussion of our current treasury balance being over our prudent reserve (*discussion for twelve minutes*).
  1. Motion made to pay Central Office our annual rent. Fred moved, David seconded, motion passed unanimously.
  2. We have about \$1,000 over our anticipated expenses.
  3. Distributions discussed were 50% to Central Office, 50% to CNIA 07. Or, 50% to Central Office, 40% to CNIA 07, 10% to GSO New York.
  4. In the interest of transparency, let all our GSRs know that we want to discuss the distribution of money over our prudent reserve at our next GSR meeting in January.
  5. GSRs can tell their group that District 47 is doing well financially, so if the group wants to shift their District 47 contributions to Central Office or CNIA 07, that is appropriate for now.

### **Announcements:**

Dec 6<sup>th</sup> – First Friday Speaker Meeting at the Porterville Twelve Step Recovery Club, 8:00-9:30 pm

Dec 7<sup>th</sup> – Tulare County Bridging the Gap committee meeting via Zoom, 11:00am-12:00pm

Dec 31<sup>st</sup> – Central Office New Year Eve Dinner and Speaker Meeting at the Lindsay Veterans Memorial Building 775 N Elmwood Ave, Lindsay CA 93247.

**Responsibility Declaration:** Read by all “I am responsible. When anyone, anywhere, reaches out for help, I want the hand of A.A. always to be there. And for that, I am responsible.”

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David G., Recording Secretary